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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314-1000

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Honorable Bud Cramer
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0105

Dear Congressman Cramer:

Thank you for your letter of January 23, 1997, regarding ordnance and explosives work performed by the Army Corps of Engineers Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

The Engineering and Support Center at Huntsville has done an outstanding job of developing the Corps of Engineers program to clean up ordnance and explosives. As your letter indicated, the Huntsville office currently performs design and construction activities for the program. At this time, based on the current ordnance and explosives workload, we have no plans to decentralize this function.

However, in accordance with good business practices, we continually look for ways to more efficiently use our limited resources, thereby better serving our customers. If, in the future, funding for cleanup or ordnance and explosives increases, we will review our options with you at that time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe N. Ballard", is positioned above the typed name.

Joe N. Ballard
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Commanding